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SUBJ: AUGUST LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE

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1. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY RECONVENES AUGUST 1 FOR APPROX-
IMATELY TWO-WEEK SESSION WHEN SEVEN GOVERNMENT BILLS
ARE TO BE CONSIDERED. SENATE WILL MEET FOR FIRST TIME
AUGUST 6 WHEN CHAIRMAN AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN WILL BE
ELECTED. ASSEMBLY AND SENATE SITTING JOINTLY WILL
ELECT PRESIDENT AUGUST 10. ASSEMBLY SCHEDULED TO
ELECT PRIME MINISTER AUGUST 12.

2. COMMENT: RUMORS WIDESPREAD THAT BHUTTO MAY BE
TEMPTED TO RETAIN PRESIDENCY RATHER THAN BECOMING PRIME MINISTER
RECALLING THAT FORMER HISTORICALLY HAS BEEN
STRONGER POSITION IN PAKISTAN, BUT WE CONSIDER THIS
MOST UNLIKELY. ASSEMBLY SPEAKER FAZAL ELAHI CURRENT FAVORITE
TO BECOME PRESIDENT ALTHOUGH EMBASSY DOES NOT RULE
OUT NURUL AMIN OR RELATIVELY UNKNOWN PUNJABI GETTING
NOD FROM BHUTTO.
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